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**Declaration and Power of Attorney
for Patent Application
English Language Declaration**

- Declaration Submitted with Initial Filing
 Declaration Submitted After Initial Filing
 (surcharge (37 CFR 1.16(e) required)

Attorney Docket No.	791_161
First Named Inventor	Tomio SUZUKI
COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
Application Number	09/954,712
Filing Date	September 18, 2001
Group Art Unit	2874

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**MICROHOLE ARRAY, OPTICAL FIBER ARRAY, CONNECTOR, AND
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING MICROHOLE ARRAY**

the specification of which (check one)

- is attached hereto.
 was filed on September 18, 2001 as United States Application No. 09/954,712
 was described and claimed in PCT International Application Number _____ filed on _____
 and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) or Section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Section 365(a) of any PCT International Application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International Application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)
Patent Application

Priority Not Claimed

No. 2001-162148

Japan
(Country)

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No. 2001-223931

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. Section 119(e) of any United States Provisional Application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. Section 120 of any United States Application(s), or Section 365(c) of any PCT International Application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International Application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, C.F.R. Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.
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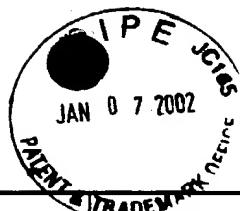
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I hereby certify that on *December 13, 2001* this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail addressed to:

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COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS — NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Sir:

1. This replies to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed October 19, 2001.
 A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application—Filing Date Granted is enclosed.
2. **Declaration or Oath**
 No Declaration or Oath was filed. Enclosed is the original Declaration or Oath for this application.
3. **Transmittal of English Translation of Non-English Language Papers**
 Submitted herewith is an English translation of the non-English language application papers (*including drawings*) as originally filed. Also submitted herewith is a statement by the translator of the accuracy of the translation. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the PTO.
4. **Other Papers Enclosed**
 A Supplemental Bibliographic Data Sheets (two pages)
 A Preliminary Amendment
 A Submission of Certified Copies of Priority Documents and certified copies of:

JP 2001-162148 filed May 30, 2001 and
JP 2001-223931 filed July 25, 2001

 An Information Disclosure Statement
 Form PTO-1449
 Copies of IDS Citations

 An Assignment with Assignment Transmittal

2001-162148

5. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Filing Fee (37 CFR §1.16(a))				\$ 740.00
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total Claims	21 - 20 =	1	× \$ 18.00	\$ 18.00
Indep. Claims	4 - 3 =	1	× \$ 84.00	\$ 84.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)				+ \$ 280.00

6. **Surcharge Fees** (37 CFR 1.16(e))

- late payment of filing fee and/or
 late filing of original declaration or oath \$ 130.00

7. **Extension of Time**

- Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =	\$ 972.00
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8. **Small Entity Status**

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.

SUBTOTAL =	\$ 972.00
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- Fee for processing an application filed with a specification in a non-English language (37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) and 1.52(d)) \$ 130.00

- Assignment Fee (37 CFR §1.21(h)) \$ 40.00

TOTAL FEES DUE =	\$ 1,142.00
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9. **Payment of Fees and Authorization to Charge Additional Fees or Credit Overpayment**

- A check in the amount of \$1,142.00 is enclosed.
- Charge Deposit Account 50-1446 in the amount of \$_____. Enclosed is a duplicate copy of this sheet.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1446:
- Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
 - Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
 - Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.

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